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#### COMMEMORATING THE 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

● Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, I bring to the attention of my colleagues a signal anniversary occurring tomorrow, the 50th wedding anniversary of Harry and Judy Maitland.

Harry and Judy Maitland were married in St. Louis, MO on March 5, 1955. Harry, a fellow Navy man, served on the U.S.S. *Randolph* during the Korean War. Subsequently, he worked for Missouri Pacific and Union Pacific, and he and Judy were blessed with three children and eleven grandchildren. I join all of their family and friends in congratulating Harry and Judy on their signal anniversary.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

#### EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1190. A communication from the Chairman, Broadcasting Board of Governors, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of proposed legislation to authorize appropriations for the Broadcasting Board of Governors for Fiscal Years 2006 and 2007, received on March 3, 2005; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1191. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Loss Limitations Rules" ((RIN1545-BA52) (TD 9187)) received on March 3, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1192. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2005 Census Count" (Notice 2005-16) received on March 3, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1193. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "TD: Diversification Requirements for Variable Annuity, Endowment, and Life Insurance Contracts"

((RIN1545-BB77)(TD 9185)) received on March 3, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1194. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Notice 2005-4" (Notice 2005-4) received on March 3, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1195. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carrier Service Areas and Related Matters" (RIN0938-AL76) received on March 3, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1196. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program: Changes to the Medicare Claims Appeal Procedures" (RIN0938-AM73) received on March 3, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1197. A communication from the Assistant Chief, Regulations and Procedures Division, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of the Trinity Lakes Viticultural Area" (RIN1513-AA29) received on March 3, 2005; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1198. A communication from the Chief, Division of Scientific Authority, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Special Rule to Control the Trade of Threatened Beluga Sturgeon (*Huso huso*)" (RIN1018-AT54) received on March 3, 2005; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1199. A communication from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Kentucky Regulatory Program" received on March 3, 2005; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1200. A communication from the Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Probate of Indian Trust Estates" (RIN1094-AA50) received on March 3, 2005; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-1201. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Labor-Management Programs, Employment Standards Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Report of the Department's Office of Labor-Management Standards, received on March 3, 2005; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. BIDEN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mrs. CLINTON, and Mr. NELSON of Florida):

S. 530. A bill to amend section 691 of title 10, United States Code, to increase the end strengths of the Army and the Marine Corps for fiscal years after fiscal year 2005, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. SANTORUM (for himself and Mr. SPECTER):

S. 531. A bill to amend the Agricultural Adjustment Act to exempt certain identified varieties of tomatoes from agricultural marketing orders; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. DEWINE:

S. 532. A bill to reduce temporarily the duty on palm fatty acid distillate; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON:

S. 533. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify that a NADBank guarantee is not considered a Federal guarantee for purposes of determining the tax-exempt status of bonds; to the Committee on Finance.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. LOTT:

S. Res. 72. A resolution providing for members on the part of the Senate of the Joint Committee on Printing and the Joint Committee of Congress on the Library; considered and agreed to.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 333

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 333, a bill to hold the current regime in Iran accountable for its threatening behavior and to support a transition to democracy in Iran.

S. 397

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 397, a bill to prohibit civil liability actions from being brought or continued against manufacturers, distributors, dealers, or importers of firearms or ammunition for damages, injunctive or other relief resulting from the misuse of their products by others.

S. 407

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 407, a bill to restore health care coverage to retired members of the uniformed services, and for other purposes.

S. 471

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. CHAFEE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 471, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for human embryonic stem cell research.

S. 489

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the names of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. MCCONNELL), the Senator from Utah (Mr. BENNETT), the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAIG), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI), the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON), the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr.